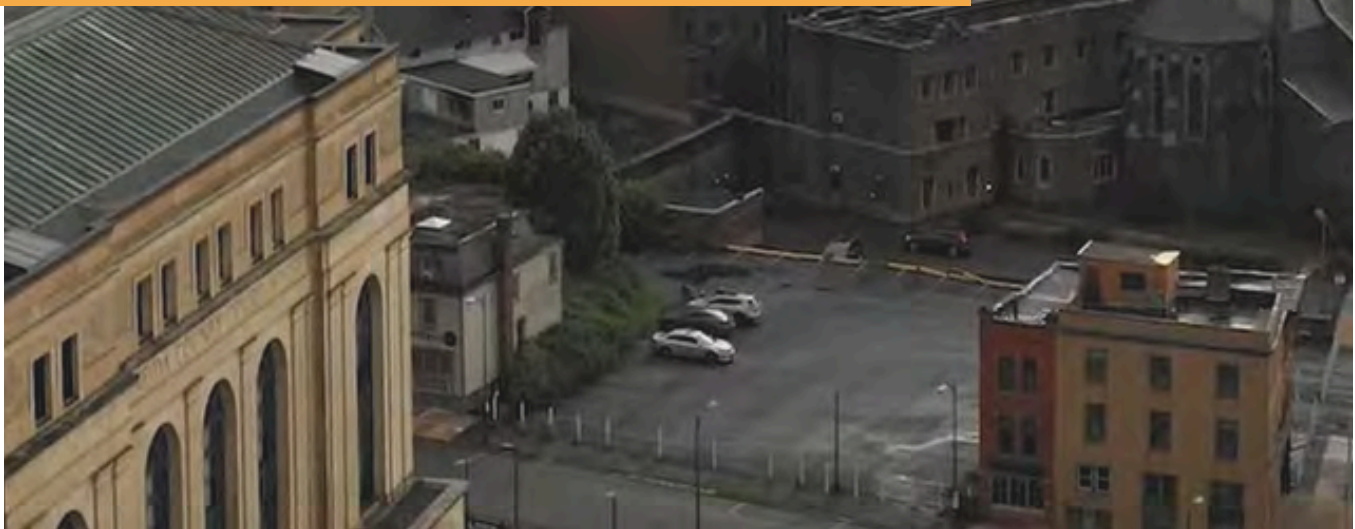




2025 Annual Report



Utica Police Department



Prepared by the Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center





Dear residents of the City of Utica,

As Chief of Police, it is my honor to present this annual report to the community we proudly serve. The Utica Police Department remains committed to providing impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement services while working to improve the quality of life in every neighborhood of our city. I am committed to upholding the mission of the Utica Police Department of keeping the City of Utica one of America's safest cities. Here at the Utica Police Department, we have a dedicated team of officers and staff members who are committed to fostering a strong partnership with you, listening to your concerns and working collaboratively to maintain the City of Utica as a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

As I begin my thirty-ninth (39) year in law enforcement, and sixteenth (16) year as your Chief of Police, allow me to share some updates and initiatives that we have been working on:

- Crime Reduction and Safety. Our overall Index Crime for Part I offenses (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Motor Vehicle Theft) was down 20% from the previous year, and down 25% for our five year average.

·Reduction in Gun Violence. The City of Utica has seen meaningful progress in reducing gun violence and other serious crimes, supported by data-driven strategies and partnerships such as the state's Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative. Tools like targeted enforcement, technology, and focused deterrence are helping officers respond more effectively and prevent crime before it happens. We continue to see a dramatic drop in homicides and non-fatal shootings. Homicides decreased last year from eight (8) in 2024 to four (4) in 2025. Additionally, Utica experienced its lowest shootings rate in over a decade in 2025. Last year our police responded to 12 shootings, down from 17 the previous year, and the lowest shootings rate since 2012.

·Community Partnership. Over the past year, the department has continued to invest in community focused initiatives, including our model Trust Building Program and other programs to build trust and strengthen relationships between officers and residents. Other community policing initiatives include "Shop with a Cop", "Coffee with a Cop", regular monthly attendance at our five Neighborhood Association Meeting locations, Community Reader Programs in our city schools, police bicycle patrols, working with Rebuilding the Village and Save Our Streets Community Programs, hosting our annual Citizens' Police Academy, Wilson & Cops Boxing Program, Christmas caroling with our Karen Community, supporting AAA Trick or Trunk and Harvest on the Hill Halloween events, food drive for "Feed Our Veterans", Utica Police and the Special Olympics Applebee's Fundraiser and the traffic and security handling of several large scale public events (St. Patrick's Day Parade, Boilermaker, Tunnel to Towers and Falling Leaves Race, Fourth of July Fireworks event and Bank of Utica New Year's Eve Party. These efforts reflect a shared belief that public safety is strongest when law enforcement and community members work side by side.

·Accreditation, Innovation and Reform. The department continues to modernize its practices, guided by accreditation standards and best practices in procedural justice and problem-oriented policing. Training, accountability measures, and ongoing policy review all support a culture of professionalism, transparency, and continuous improvement. In September of 2025, the Utica Police Department achieved reaccreditation from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and we've continuously maintained state accreditation status since 2010.

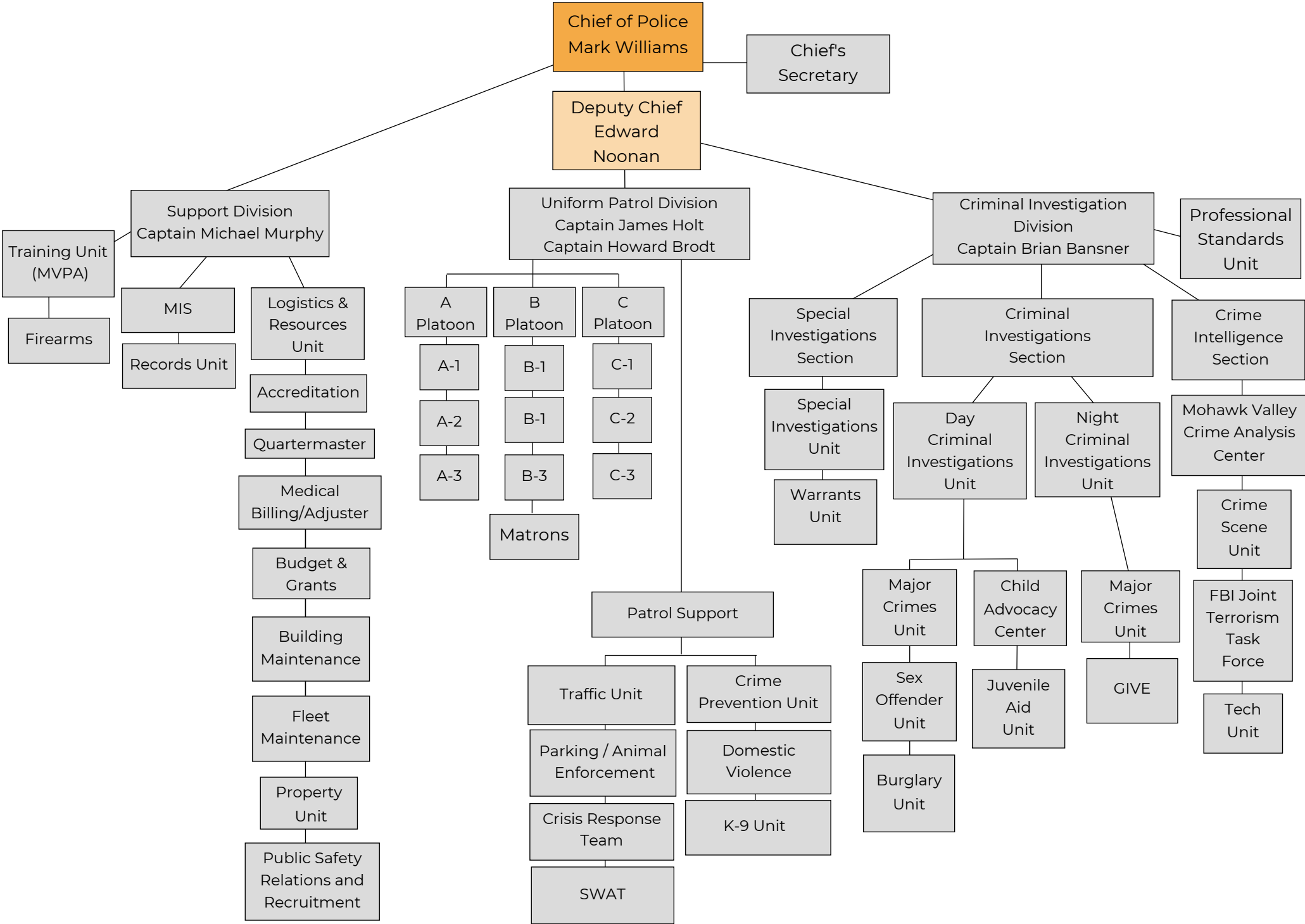
·STRIVE Grant. Last year the Utica Police Department, in partnership with the Oneida County District Attorney's Office and YWCA, launched the STRIVE (State Targeted Reduction in Intimate Partner Violence) initiative, which is part of a broader effort to reduce intimate partner violence in Oneida County. The initiative is funded through a competitive state grant and aims to provide targeted resources, training, and strategic collaboration to prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and support survivors. The City of Utica is one of few communities in New York State to receive funding and it will enable the Utica Police Department to take a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to preventing IPV. The initiative will enhance the District Attorney's Office, Utica Police Department and the YWCA's efforts to combat domestic violence, strengthen prosecutions, and expand investigations by our dedicated Domestic Violence Unit.

·Gratitude and Commitment. The men and women of the Utica Police Department responded to over 41,000 calls for service in 2025, not including other incidents such as motor vehicle stops, premise checks, or other self-initiated investigations, and they do so with courage, compassion, and dedication to our community. Thank you for your support, your feedback, and your partnership as we continue to work together to keep Utica safe, vibrant, and welcoming for all who live, work and visit here.

Respectfully,

Mark W. Williams
Chief of Police
City of Utica Police Department

Utica Police Department Organizational Chart



CURRENT STATISTICS

The Utica Police Department serves an area of 16.76 square miles and a population of approximately 63,660.

The Utica Police Department is an accredited agency, since 2010, the Utica Police Department has been continuously accredited and is subject to regular reviews by the New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program. Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The New York State program became operational in 1989 and encompasses four principal goals:

- 1-To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the fullest extent possible.
- 2-To promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies of the criminal justice services.
- 3-To ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel.
- 4-To promote public confidence in law enforcement agencies.

The Accreditation Program is comprised of a set of standards developed to further enhance the capabilities of an agency, and is divided into three categories: Administrative, Training and Operations Standards.

- 1- Administrative standards have provisions for such topics as agency organization, fiscal management, personnel practices, and records management.
- 2- Training standards encompass basic and in-service instruction, as well as training for supervisors and specialized or technical assignments.
- 3- Operations standards deal with such critical and litigious topics as high-speed pursuits, roadblocks, patrol and unusual occurrences.

SUPPORT DIVISION UNITS

MIS

Computer systems maintenance, software and hardware updates, upgrades and repairs.

RECORDS

Maintenance of all police records and files and servicing of public requests for information.

TRAINING

Provide up-to-date training on current law enforcement trends and updates from the Municipal Police Training Counsel.

LOGISTICS & RESOURCES

Management of employee services and building/equipment maintenance.

ACCREDITATION

Responsible for maintaining standards set forth for the accreditation process.

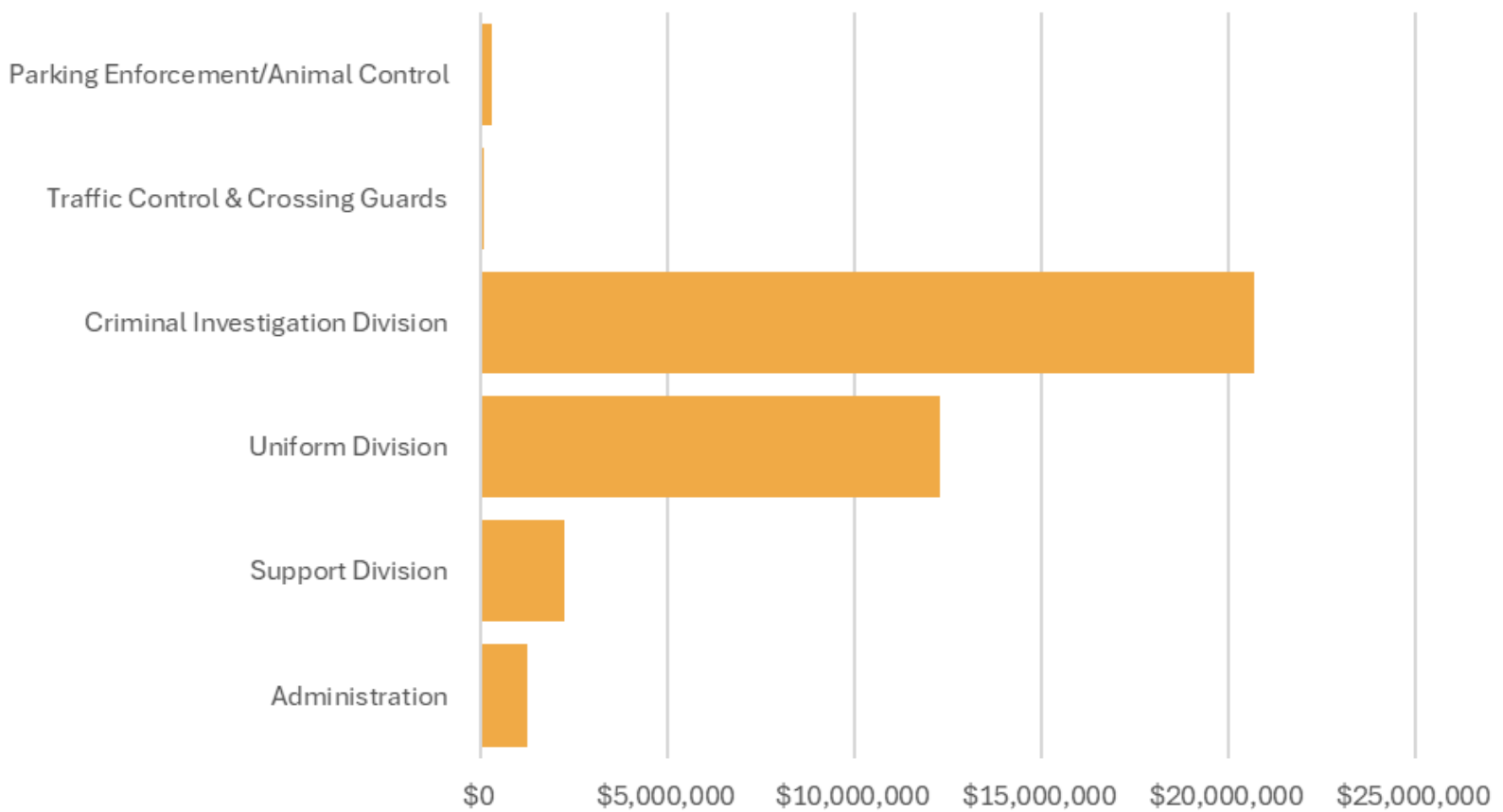
BUDGET & GRANTS

Management of department's fiscal resources, and application/report management of departmental grants.



SUPPORT DIVISION

The Utica Police Department's April 2024- March 2025 budget is **\$36,762,743**



APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

GRANTS

2025 GRANT AWARDS

ATF Task Force FY26
Child Passenger Safety FY26
Crisis Response Team FY26
Critical Infrastructure Grant FY22
Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant FY22
FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force FY26
GIVE XII Initiative
STOP DWI High Visibility Enforcement FY26
STRIVE Initiative
Police Traffic Services FY26
Tactical Team Targeted Grant FY22
U.S. Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force FY26

ADDITIONAL GRANTS MANAGED

- ATF Task Force FY25
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY22
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY24
- Child Passenger Safety FY25
- Community Wellness SFY23-24
- COPS Hiring Program FY23
- Crisis Response Team SFY23-24
- Critical Infrastructure Grant FY21
- Officer Wellness SFY23-24
- Crisis Response Team Therapy Canine
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY24
- Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY22
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY22
- Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program FY22
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force FY25
- Violent Crime Reduction FY23
- Law Enforcement Technology Program
- STOP DWI High Visibility Enforcement FY25
- STOP Violence Against Women FY20
- Tactical Team Targeted Grant FY21
- Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant FY21
- U.S. Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force FY25
- Police Traffic Services FY25
- STOP DWI FY25



TRAINING UNIT

- Coordinates and administers departmental training programs.
- Administers training to police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops departmental training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training needs necessary for adherence to state and federal laws, and department policies.
- Prepares and distributes training bulletins.
- Administers in-service and field officer programs, firearms training and qualifications, and police academy programs.
- Maintains records of training, standards, programs and lesson plans.

3,330.5

REGIONAL TRAINING HOURS

Including but not limited to:

- NYS Explosive Detection K9 Handlers Conference
- Investments to Support Survivors of Gender Based Violence
- DefTec Use of Force Instructor Course
- Dog Shelter Educational Seminar
- Investigating Animal Cruelty
- Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Investigations
- Mental Illness Contacts and Post Incident Mental Health
- NYAHN NJ Hostage Crisis Negotiators Conference
- IPTM Pedestrian/Bicyclist Crash Investigations Level 1
- Community Engagement Training
- AI in Law Enforcement



CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

The 2025 Citizens' Police Academy was held from March 17, 2025 - May 12, 2025. The topics covered during the academy included the Crime Scene Unit, EAP and Mental Health, Community Outreach, Patrol Operations, Professional Standards Unit, Metro SWAT, GIVE, Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center (MVCAC), K9 Operations, Juvenile Aid Unit, Use of Force, and Reality Based Training Scenarios.

Citizens' Police Academy Graduates:

- Tekquanna Deane
- Jamina Lilley
- Christopher Ballard
- Cimbria Badenhausen
- Donat Ferizi
- Alen Dizdarevic
- Say Bonaface
- Orlando Washington
- Kenneth Hobbs
- Dennis Ford






POLICE ACADEMY

Graduating Class 2026-1

In 2025, the Utica Police Department began the process of hiring officers to fill several vacancies within their ranks. After a rigorous hiring process that included physical agility testing, background investigation, polygraph and psychological evaluation, several individuals were chosen to attend the Mohawk Valley Police Academy (MVPA).

The following officer graduated from the Mohawk Valley Police Academy Class 2026-1 after completing six months of academy training and 12 weeks of field training:

 Jordyn Lanaux

The following officer graduated from the MVPA Phase 2 Academy:

 Michaela Downs

MVPA is co-chaired by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the Utica Police Department. The current "Basic Course for Police Officers" consists of a minimum standard of over 700 hours established by the Municipal Police Training Council (MPCT). However the MVPA gives our recruit police officers over 1000 hours of police instruction on a variety of important law enforcement topics.

Staff routinely reviews the content of the Basic Course for Police Officers to ensure that the material remains relevant to criminal justice issues and best prepares officers to serve their communities. Today's Basic Course for Police Officers covers a wide range of topics including but not limited to, Ethics & Professionalism, Cultural Diversity, Bias-Related Incidents, Professional Communication, Persons with Disabilities, Crisis Intervention, Use of Physical Force & Deadly Force, Active Shooter Response and Decision-Making. Today's police recruits are also mandated to complete numerous Reality-Based Training Scenarios to better prepare them for the situations they will encounter on the job.

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

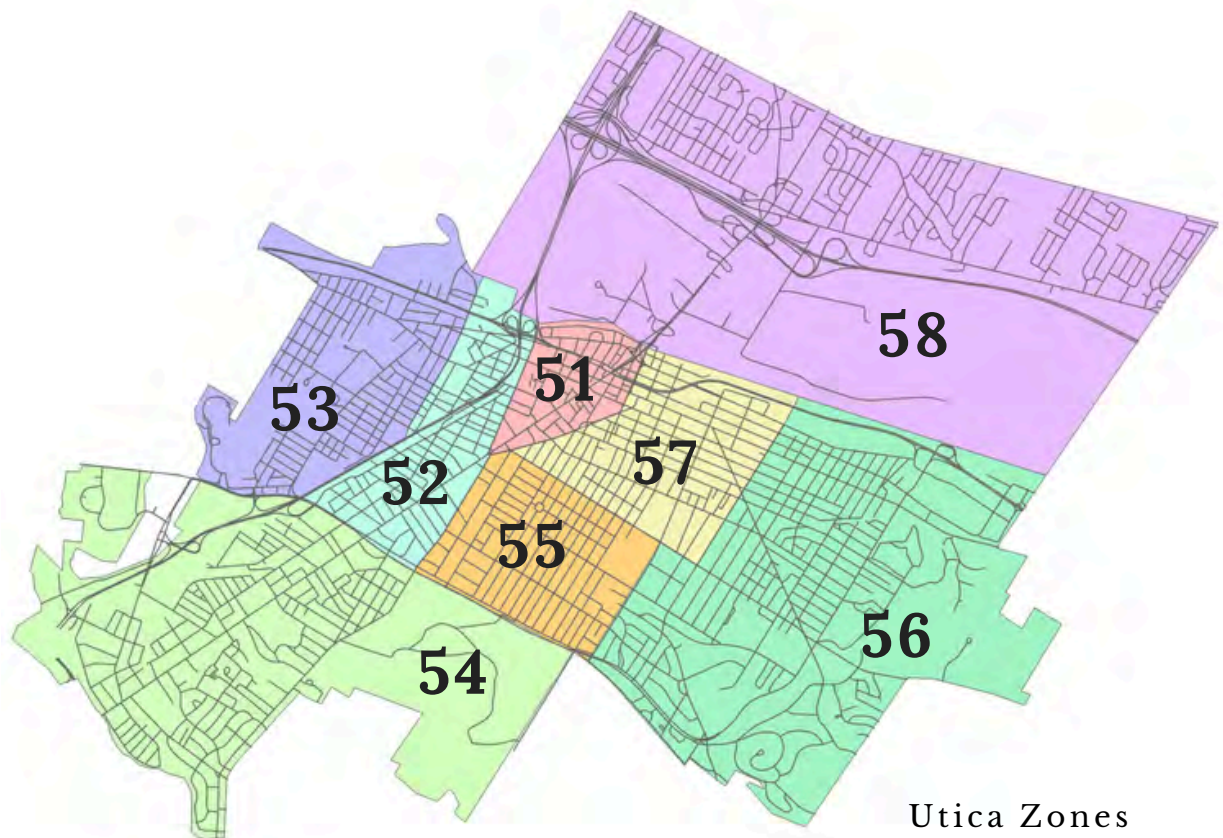
The Patrol Division is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. Its primary responsibility is to provide continuous patrol coverage and traffic control.

In order to provide for continuous patrol coverage, patrol is divided into three "platoons" (8.25 hour tours of duty) based on department needs. A lieutenant commands each of the three platoons (designated as the A, B and C platoons) further subdivided into three squads (i.e. A1, A2 and A3). Subordinate supervisory officers assigned to each squad are accountable to their respective platoon commander.

Officers have responded to more than 41,608 calls for service during the 2025 calendar year. This does not include other incidents such as motor vehicle stops, premise checks, or other self-initiated investigations.

Units

- A Platoon
- B Platoon
 - Matrons
- C Platoon
- Patrol Support
 - Traffic Unit
 - SWAT
 - K9 Unit
 - Crisis Response Team
 - Crime Prevention Unit
 - Domestic Violence Unit
 - Community Outreach Team
 - Parking Enforcement/Animal Control
 - City Court Security



Utica Zones

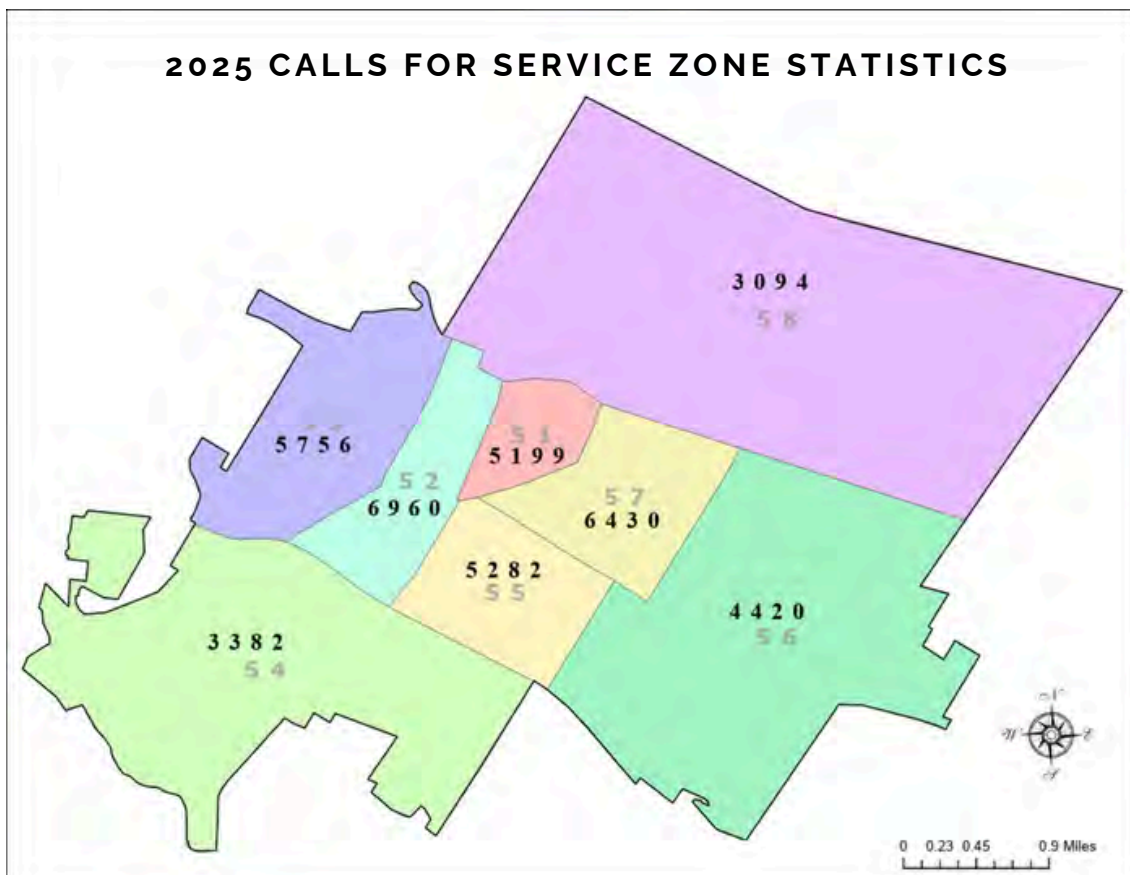
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2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS

Statistics for the City of Utica to determine the Calls for Service per policing zone for the year 2025.

The “Not Applicable” category accounts for points with unknown addresses or addresses that cannot be appointed a zone. For an address not to be appointed a zone, the point has to not have an exact location or is not considered to be completely within a zone when running report ‘summarize statistics’.

Utica Boundary Zone	Number of Calls for Service	Percentage
Zone 51	5,199	12%
Zone 52	6,960	17%
Zone 53	5,756	14%
Zone 54	3,382	8%
Zone 55	5,282	13%
Zone 56	4,420	11%
Zone 57	6,430	15%
Zone 58	3,094	7%
Not Applicable	1,085	3%
Grand Total	41,608	100%



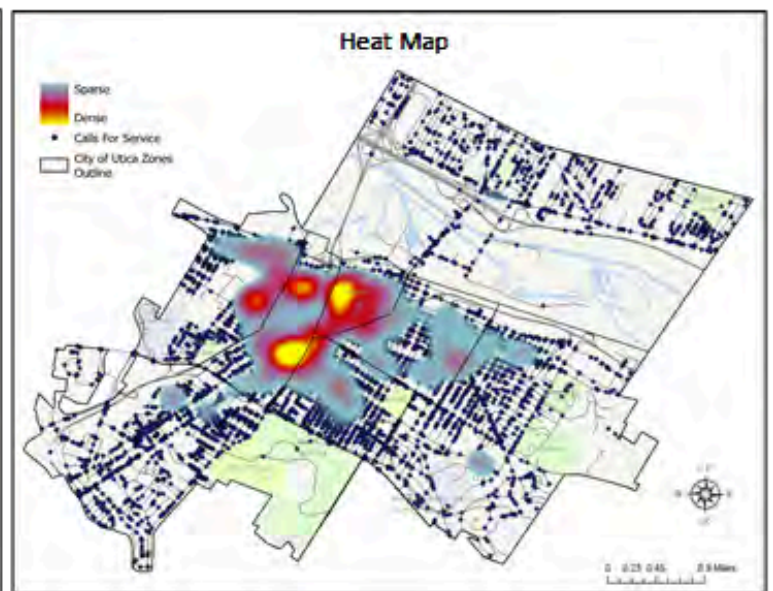
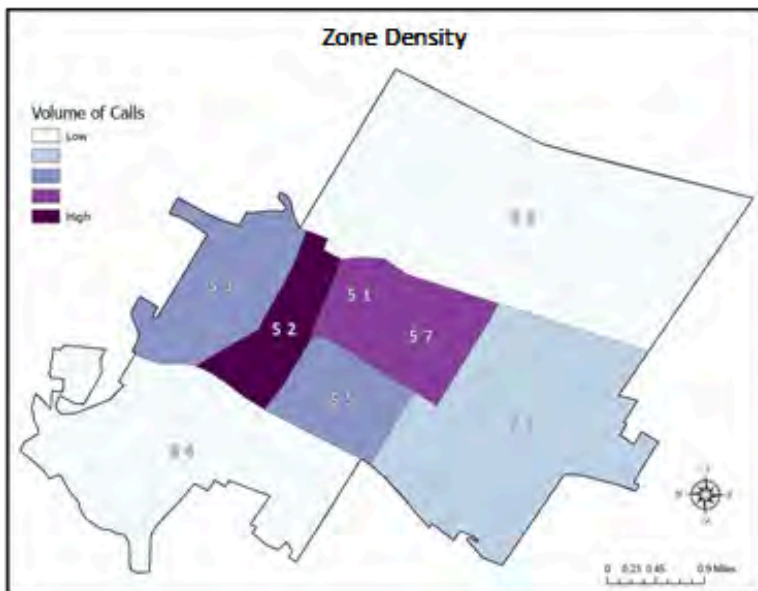
2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS DIVIDED BY SHIFT HOURS

Zone Statistics for the 2025 year broken down into the three shifts:
12AM-8AM, 8AM-4PM & 4PM-12AM.

Shift A: 12 AM – 8 AM

Utica Boundary Zone	Number of Calls for Service	Percentage
Zone 51	1,069	14%
Zone 52	1,442	19%
Zone 53	991	13%
Zone 54	581	8%
Zone 55	941	13%
Zone 56	809	11%
Zone 57	1,058	14%
Zone 58	477	6%
Not Applicable	140	2%
Grand Total	7,508	100%

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS 12 AM – 8 AM SHIFT

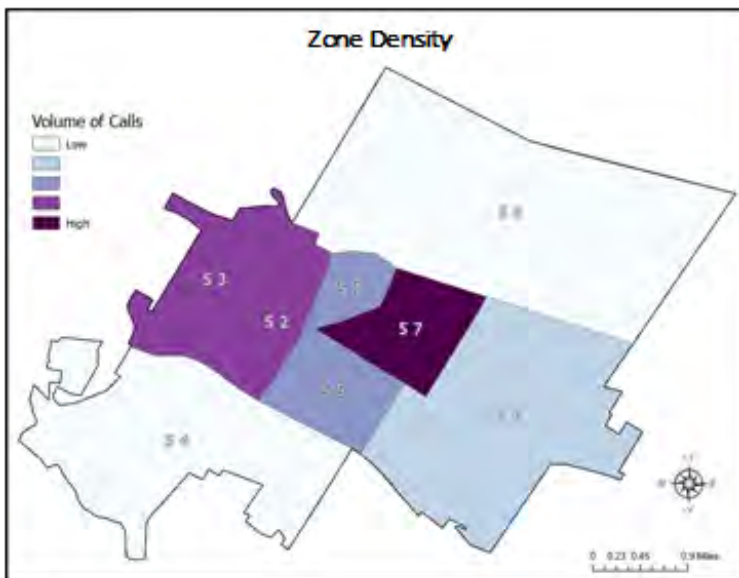


2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS

Shift B: 8 AM - 4 PM

Utica Boundary Zone	Number of Calls for Service	Percentage
Zone 51	2,182	13%
Zone 52	2,464	15%
Zone 53	2,346	14%
Zone 54	1,344	8%
Zone 55	2,031	12%
Zone 56	1,654	10%
Zone 57	2,694	16%
Zone 58	1,306	8%
Not Applicable	519	3%
Grand Total	16,540	100%

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS 8 AM - 4 PM SHIFT

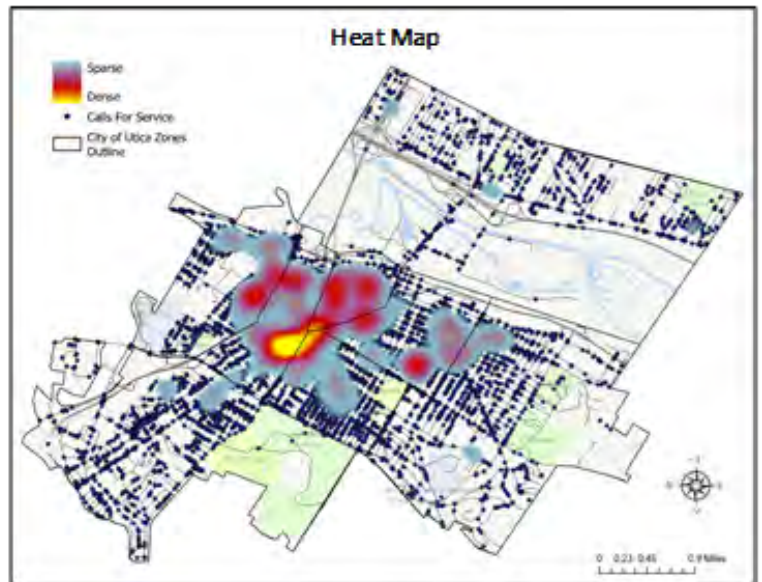
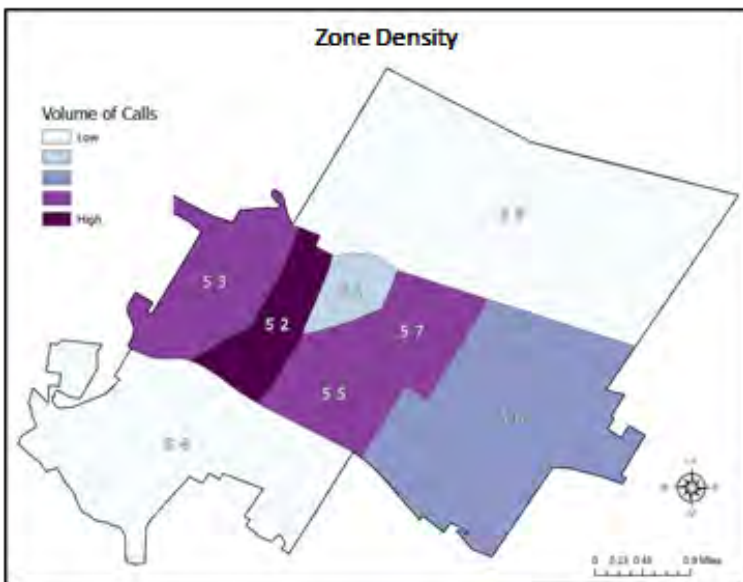


2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS

Shift C: 4 PM - 12 AM

Utica Boundary Zone	Number of Calls for Service	Percentage
Zone 51	1,948	11%
Zone 52	3,054	17%
Zone 53	2,419	14%
Zone 54	1,457	8%
Zone 55	2,310	13%
Zone 56	1,957	11%
Zone 57	2,678	15%
Zone 58	1,311	7%
Not Applicable	426	2%
Grand Total	17,560	100%

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE ZONE STATISTICS 4 PM - 12 AM SHIFT



DOG SEIZURE



The City of Utica’s Municipal Dog Shelter began operations on March 1, 2024, in accordance with New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, formerly in accordance with Article 7 and now Article 26. The shelter is housed at the Utica Police Department Fleet Maintenance Facility and is managed by the Utica Police Department’s Patrol Division – Patrol Support Branch. Operations are carried out by Utica Police personnel, along with three Parking Enforcement / Animal Control Officers and one Kennel Attendant.

The following report reflects statistics for the Utica Police Department’s Article 7 Dog Seizures for 2025 (1/1/25-12/31/25):

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CANINES SEIZED (INTAKES)

65

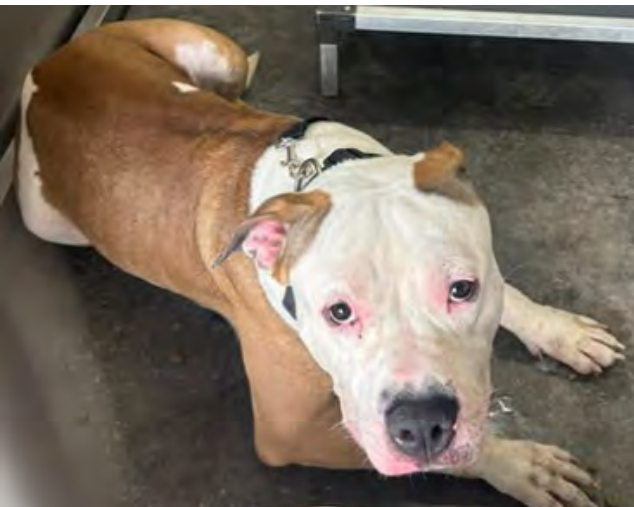
CANINES REDEEMED BY OWNER

1

CANINES ADOPTED AFTER COMPLETING MANDATORY HOLD

140

CANINES TRANSFERRED TO NYS AG & MARKETS APPROVED SHELTER/RESCUE



K9 UNIT

Sgt. Piersall and K9 Dak

- Certified in narcotics detection and patrol
- 15 Utilizations

Sgt. Kellogg and K9 Vigo

- Certified in bomb/explosives detection and patrol
- 58 Utilizations

Officer Castilla and K9 Varick

- Certified in narcotics detection
- 5 Utilizations

K9 Varick has since retired in the last quarter of 2025

Officer Jordan Dodge and K9 Brophy

- Certified in bomb/explosives detection and patrol - 29 utilizations

Officer Marissa Vomer and K9 Penny

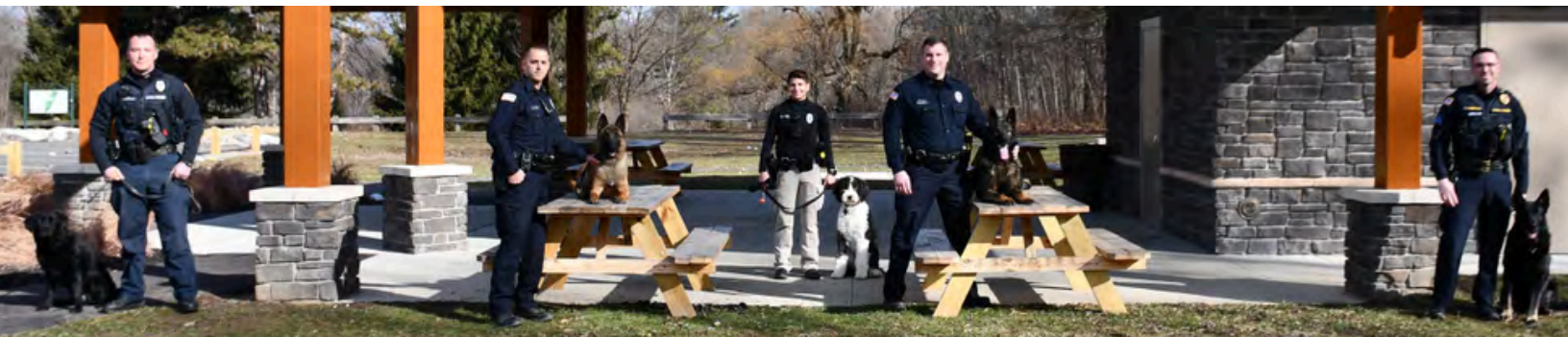
- Part of Crisis Response Team and Therapy
- 50 Utilizations

Officer Forte and K9 Duffy

- 0 Utilizations
- Currently attending K9 School

157

TOTAL K9 UTILIZATIONS IN 2025



SWAT

The Metro SWAT team consists of 12 officers from the Utica Police Department, 6 officers from the New Hartford Police Department and 7 officers from Oneida County Sheriff's Office. In 2025, there were 22 total deployments. Metro SWAT operators trained for a total of 192 hours this year. Additionally, Metro SWAT members participated in training conferences and events such as NYDHSES TAC Week, NYDHSES Excelsior Challenge, SECON Active Shooter Drill, NYTOA Conference, and CQT Team Training at SPTC.

4

WARRANT REQUESTS

5

CALL OUTS

12

EVENTS (QUICK REACTION
FORCE/SNIPER OBSERVER TEAM)



TRAFFIC UNIT

The Utica Police Department Traffic Unit is a two officer unit that plans and coordinates large events that impact traffic flow throughout the City of Utica. The Traffic Unit also conducts traffic assessments and researches, reviews and writes traffic legislation.

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to provide for the safe and orderly flow of traffic by encouraging public compliance with traffic laws through both discretionary and mandatory enforcement.

The department shall promote traffic safety through the effective use of its resources and provide information to the public and appropriate traffic engineering authorities to assist in identifying and remedying the causes of motor vehicle accidents and other traffic problems as necessary.

Beyond traffic enforcement and traffic control for special events, the UPD Traffic Unit conducts regular traffic studies to keep the city roads safe for all.

413

HIT & RUN ACCIDENTS

82

DWI ARRESTS



TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA

Below are the motor vehicle accidents that occurred between January-December 2025 within the City of Utica. The below map and table shows the areas where the accidents occurred throughout the year, along with the causation factors, and seasonal traffic problems.



DENSITY MAPPING OF 2025 MV ACCIDENTS IN UTICA, NY

MAP LABEL 1 HIGH CONCENTRATED AREAS WITH CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

112 Genesee St, 131 Genesee St, 136 Genesee St, 157 Genesee St, 216 Bleecker St, 222 Bleecker St, 249 Bleecker St, 301 Bleecker St, 70 Genesee St, Bleecker St & Genesee St, Bleecker St & John St, Burnet St & Bleecker St, Charlotte St & Bleecker St, Franklin Square & Genesee St, Genesee St & Oriskany St, John St & Oriskany St, Lafayette St & Genesee St, N Genesee Ramp & John St, Franklin St & Oriskany St

Primary contributing factors:

- Backing Unsafely: 4%
- Driver Inattention/Distraction: 8%
- Failure to Yield Right-Of-Way: 24%
- Following Too Closely: 33%
- Passing or Lane Usage Improper: 10%
- Traffic Control Disregarded: 1%
- Turning Improperly: 1%
- Unsafe Lane Changing: 12%
- Oversized Vehicle: 3%
- Animal's Action: 1%
- Pavement Slippery: 1%
- Unknown: 1%

Seasonal traffic problems:

- Winter**
 - Following Too Closely: 42%
 - Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way: 26%
- Spring**
 - Following Too Closely: 27%
 - Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way: 23%
- Summer**
 - Following Too Closely: 46%
- Fall**
 - Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way: 29%
 - Following Too Closely: 25%

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA

MAP LABEL 2 HIGH CONCENTRATED AREAS WITH CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Court St & Genesee St, Hopper St & Genesee St, 268 Genesee St, 252 Genesee St, 257 Genesee St, 259 Genesee St, Hopper St & Court St, Hopper St & Genesee St

Primary contributing factors:

Backing Unsafely: 11%
 Driver Inattention/Distracted: 6%
 Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way: 11%
 Following Too Closely: 17%
 Passing Or Lane Usage Improper: 17%
 Traffic Control Disregarded: 17%
 Turning Improperly: 6%
 Unsafe Speed: 6%
 Unsafe Lane Change: 11%

Seasonal traffic problems:

Winter
 Following Too Closely: 50%
 Unsafe Lane Change: 50%

Spring
 Backing Unsafely: 29%

Summer
 Traffic Control Disregarded: 40%

Fall
 Following too Closely: 25%
 Passing or Lane Usage Improper: 25%
 Driver Inattention/Distracted: 25%
 Turning Improperly: 25%

MAP LABEL 3 HIGH CONCENTRATED AREAS WITH CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

1 Herkimer Rd, 15 Auert Ave, 17 Auert Ave, 17 Herkimer Rd, 309 N Genesee St, 384 N Genesee St, 385 N Genesee St, Auert Ave & N Genesee St, Coventry Ave & Herkimer Rd, Coventry Ave & Trenton Rd, Herkimer Rd & N Genesee St, N Genesee St & River Rd, Northern Rd & Auert Ave, River Rd & Genesee St, Riverside Dr & Coventry Ave, Riverside Dr & Trenton Rd, Trenton Rd & River Rd

Primary contributing factors:

Backing Unsafely: 12%
 Driver Inattention/Distracted: 14%
 Driver Inexperience: 2%
 Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way: 10%
 Following Too Closely: 10%
 Passing Or Lane Usage Improper: 14%
 Traffic Control Disregarded: 24%
 Turning Improperly: 2%
 Unsafe Lane Changing: 7%
 Unsafe Speed: 2%
 Reaction to other Uninvolved Vehicle: 2%

Seasonal traffic problems:

Winter
 Traffic Control Disregarded: 29%
 Failure to Yield Right-of-Way: 21%

Spring
 Driver Inattention: 33%

Summer
 Passing or Lane Usage Improper: 25%

Fall
 Traffic Control Disregarded: 45%

TRUST BUILDING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Utica Police Department participates in events that promote community outreach and works to build trust within the community. Some of the events from 2025 included:

- Conducted monthly neighborhood meetings in North Utica, South Utica, West Utica, Cornhill, and East Utica to address community concerns and strengthen police-community partnerships.
- Participated in Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Jones Elementary School.
- Delivered Youth Intervention presentations focused on conflict resolution strategies.
- Participated in Community Helper events at multiple Utica City School District schools.
- Represented the department at area job and career fairs throughout Oneida and Herkimer Counties to support recruitment efforts.
- Participated in Community Reader events at several elementary schools within the Utica City School District.
- Participated in the Rebuilding the Village James Street Summer Festival (two-day event), showcasing the department's Mobile Command Center for community tours and engagement.
- Attended quarterly coordination meetings with The Center to discuss services and support related to newly arriving refugee populations.



TRUST BUILDING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Participated in the G.I.V.E Sky's the Limit School Supply Giveaway.
- Engaged with community members at the Karen Wesleyan Church community event.
- Participated in the OHM BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) Job Fair.
- Participated in Community Helper programming coordinated by MVCAA (Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency).
- Participated in the Albany Elementary School Carnival.
- Participated in the G.I.V.E. Harvest on the Hill community event.
- Conducted Halloween Trunk-or-Treat events at Jones Elementary School.
- Provided outreach assistance and support related to homelessness throughout the City of Utica.
- Conducted a K-9 demonstration at Notre Dame Elementary School.
- Participated in the G.I.V.E. Christmas on James Street community event.
- Participated in annual events hosted by the Center for Family Life and Recovery.
- Conducted the Citizens Police Academy to educate residents on department operations and strengthen community relationships.
- Held monthly G.I.V.E. Trust Building Meetings.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to respond to every domestic incident as a serious call for service. Department members shall consistently seek to enhance the safety of victims and their children through a combination of law enforcement and referrals to domestic violence service providers. The Department will further promote officer safety by ensuring that officers are fully prepared to respond to and effectively deal with domestic violence calls for service.

The Utica Police Department partners with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of the Mohawk Valley in order to provide victims of domestic violence with advocacy and services. These services include shelter, court advocacy, hotline advocacy and counseling. A YWCA employee works directly in the Utica Police Department with the assigned Domestic Violence Officer.

2,940

TOTAL DOMESTIC INCIDENT REPORTS

517

TOTAL PRIMARY VICTIMS SERVED

STRIVE

The Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Initiative started in Oneida County during 2025. The effort is a coordinated effort by multiple organizations, including the Oneida County District Attorney's Office, Utica Police Department, Oneida County Probation Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, the Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center, and the YWCA Mohawk Valley.

Together, they aim to reduce intimate partner violence through strategic collaboration, specialized training, and expanded services for survivors. The county is one of only 20 in New York State selected to receive the competitive grant funding, totaling \$918,308, to implement the program. Modeled after the Division of Criminal Justice Services' Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative, STRIVE requires each county to develop a comprehensive plan using one or more evidence-based strategies to hold those who harm accountable and increase safety capacity for victims.

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) is a combined effort of a UPD Police Officer and the Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) Crisis Counselor who are partnered and respond together in the field. In 2025, a new MCAT Crisis Counselor joined the team, Samantha Valik.

- CRT responds to real time requests for in-field crisis response after initial UPD patrol triage
- Completes field outreach to high utilizers in the community
- Reviews MHL calls daily for new opportunities for outreach and to connect with individuals with mental health struggles
- CRT works with local service providers, police, probation, mental health court, Oneida County Mental Health, MVHS, etc.



780

MHL ARRESTS

153

22.09 ARRESTS

1,496

CRT OUTREACH CONTACTS

1,362

EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON
CALLS

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Tactical Unit is designed to enhance the quality of life in the City by working cooperatively with the public and other governmental agencies to identify and abate nuisance locations, pro-actively deter crime and criminal activity, enforce all laws, and provide safe neighborhoods.

This will be accomplished through various proactive, community policing, crime prevention strategies and initiatives in conjunction with intelligence-based policing methods and traditional law enforcement practices.

32

FIREARMS ARRESTS

180

NARCOTIC ARRESTS

175

FELONY ARRESTS

305

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

\$20,986

CASH SEIZED

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to place case responsibility upon the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for certain crimes. Examples of these crimes include felony crimes, certain qualifying misdemeanor crimes against persons and property, serious or unusual incidents, homicides, suspicious deaths and any other cases assigned by the Chief of Police. Personnel and cases shall be assigned within the division on the basis of expertise. Police officers assigned to conduct criminal investigations shall be titled investigators.

The United States Constitution guarantees every citizen certain rights and protections, i.e. the right to legal counsel, protection against self-incrimination, protection against unlawful search and seizure, the right to privacy, etc. Every member of the department bears a strict liability to comply with and safeguard those constitutional obligations. Members of the Criminal Investigation Division, by virtue of the nature of their specific duties, must be keenly aware of these obligations and keep current with any court decisions that may affect these rights.

Crime Type	5YA	2024	2025	Last Year %	5YA %
Homicide	7.75	8	4	-50%	-48%
Rape	19.5	19	17	-11%	-13%
Robbery	76.5	63	44	-30%	-42%
Aggravated Assault	220.25	249	192	-23%	-13%
Burglary	253.75	203	142	-30%	-44%
Larceny	1676	1644	1337	-19%	-20%
MV Theft	152.5	97	80	-18%	-48%
Violent Crime	324	339	257	-24%	-21%
Property Crime	2082.25	1944	1559	-20%	-25%
Overall Index Crime	2406.25	2283	1816	-20%	-25%

UPD Part 1 Crimes DCJS Stats comparing 2024 to 2025

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit is comprised of 5 investigators. Their primary role is to investigate homicides, shooting assaults, bank robberies, and other serious crimes or investigations assigned at the discretion of the CID Commanding Officer.

80%

SOLVE RATE ON 2025 SHOOTING RELATED INVESTIGATIONS (INCLUDING HOMICIDES)

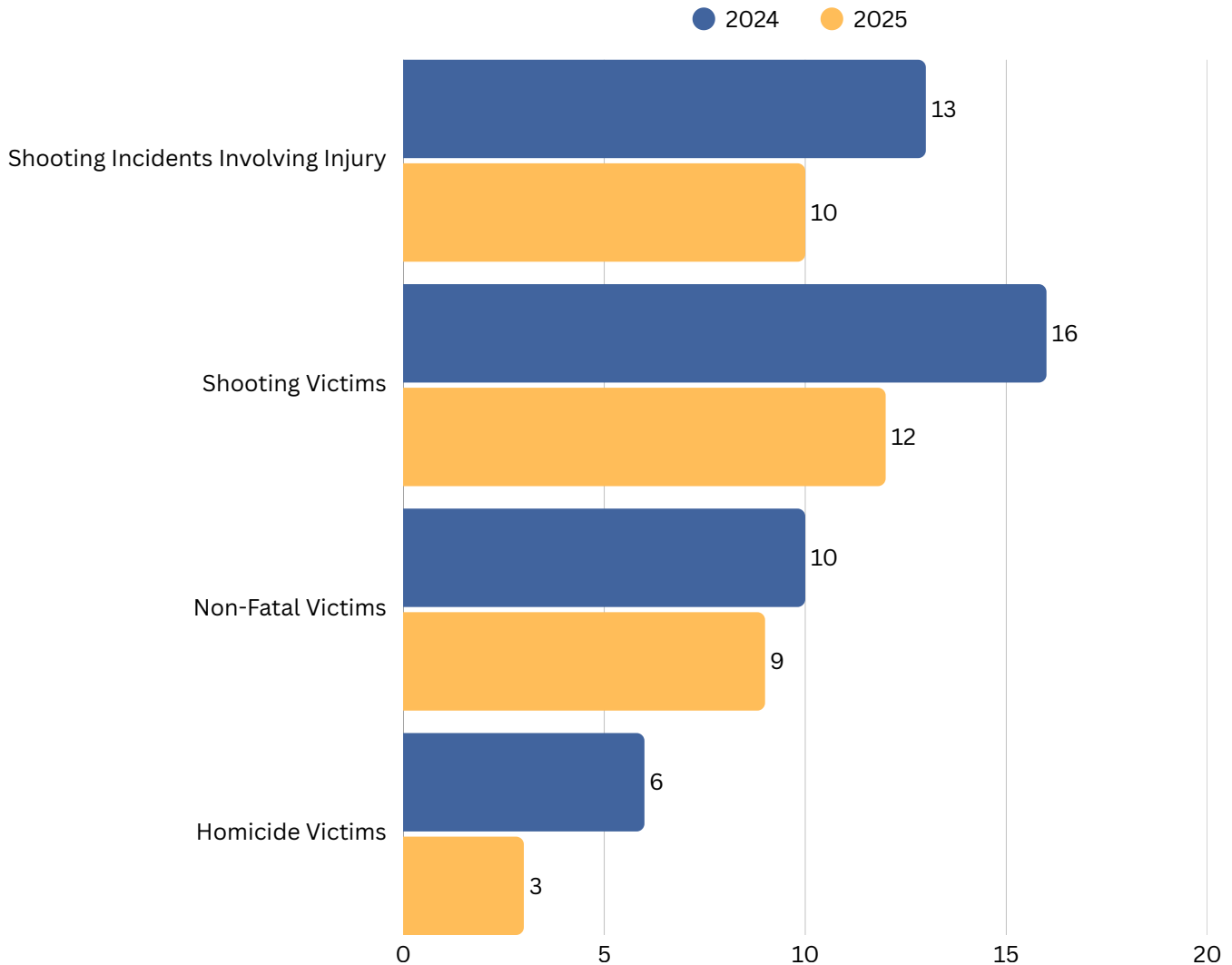
75%

SOLVE RATE ON 2025 NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS

75%

SOLVE RATE FOR 2025 HOMICIDES

2024 VS. 2025 GUN VIOLENCE



MOHAWK VALLEY CRIME ANALYSIS CENTER

The year 2025 was marked with tremendous professional development and advancement for members of the Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center. In July, and then again in October, staffed analysts transitioned from contracted to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services employment. The shift provided greater stability and growth for staff members and the New York State Crime Analysis Center Network as a whole.

Additionally, through a performance-based peer and supervisor review process, three analyst staff members achieved Crime Analyst Level 2 Certification. This process consists of an application and stringent review of standards that is only open to analysts with at least three years of network experience.

Furthermore, in 2025, the MVCAC welcomed a new crime analyst assigned to the NYS Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Violence (STRIVE) grant. The analyst is solely designated to grant operations in order to support law enforcement, courts, and victim service providers using evidence-based strategies to promote improved responses to intimate partner violence prevention.

In addition to personnel development, the MVCAC also saw a 9% increase in service requests during the 2025 calendar year. This is a trend we hope to improve on in 2026 while continuing to provide our public safety partners with optimal support in their crime prevention decision-making.

Total Requests by Quarter

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
2025 Total	1,012	1,102	1,138	1,127	4,379
2024 Total	987	963	1,031	1,029	4,010
2023 Total	964	883	967	1,020	3,834



NIBIN



The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), managed by the ATF, is a US-based database that captures digital images of fired cartridge casings to connect crime scenes to firearms. It acts as a "fingerprint" system, allowing law enforcement to quickly link shootings across jurisdictions in hours rather than months.

137

NIBIN ENTRIES

72

NIBIN LEADS

54/137

RESULTED IN A POSITIVE CORRELATION

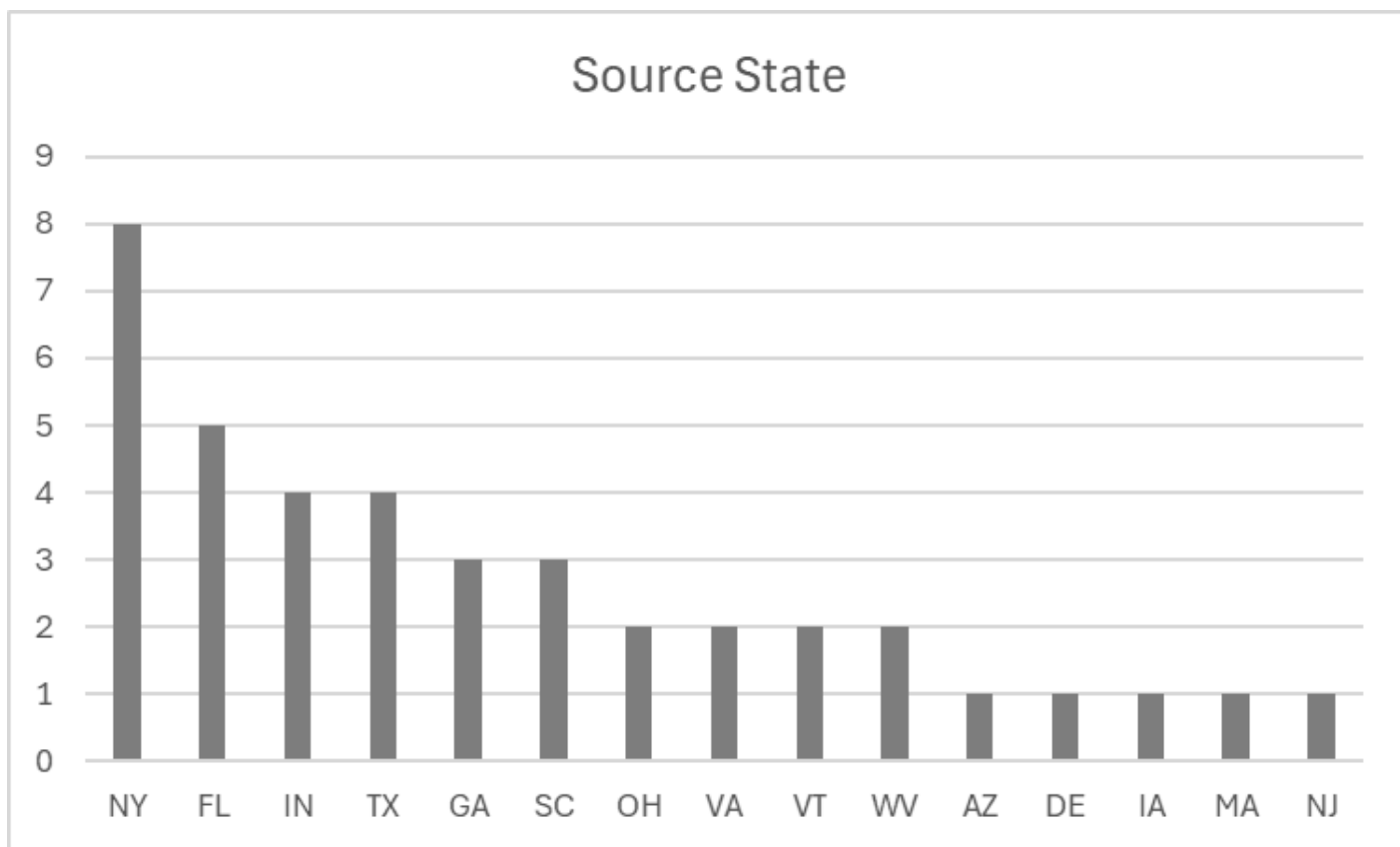
- **NIBIN Entries:** The number of NIBIN Acquisitions (casings) submitted to the BRAX Machine.
- **NIBIN Correlations:** The number of NIBIN Acquisitions submitted that generated a lead. Each NIBIN Lead Notification Report is counted as a separate correlation.
- **NIBIN Leads:** The number of separate criminal incidents to which a NIBIN Acquisition (casing) linked in a NIBIN Lead Notification Report. Each incident is counted as a separate lead.

10 participating agencies:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Herkimer PD | • Oneida County Sheriff's Office |
| • Lewis County Sheriff's Office | • Rome Police Department |
| • Ilion PD | • Utica Police Department |
| • New Hartford PD | • Whitesboro PD |
| • New York State Police | • Yorkville PD |

NIBIN

74
GUNS TRACED



SHOTSPOTTER

ShotSpotter uses an array of acoustic sensors that are connected wirelessly to ShotSpotter's centralized, cloud-based application to reliably detect and accurately locate gunshots using triangulation. Each acoustic sensor captures the precise time and audio associated with impulsive sounds that may represent gunfire. This data is used to locate the incident and is then filtered by sophisticated machine algorithms to classify the event as a potential gunshot. Acoustic experts, who are located and staffed in ShotSpotter's 24/7 Incident Review Center, ensure and confirm that the events are indeed gunfire. This entire process takes less than 60 seconds from the time of the shooting to the digital alert popping onto a screen of a computer in the 911 Call Center or on a patrol officer's smartphone or mobile laptop.

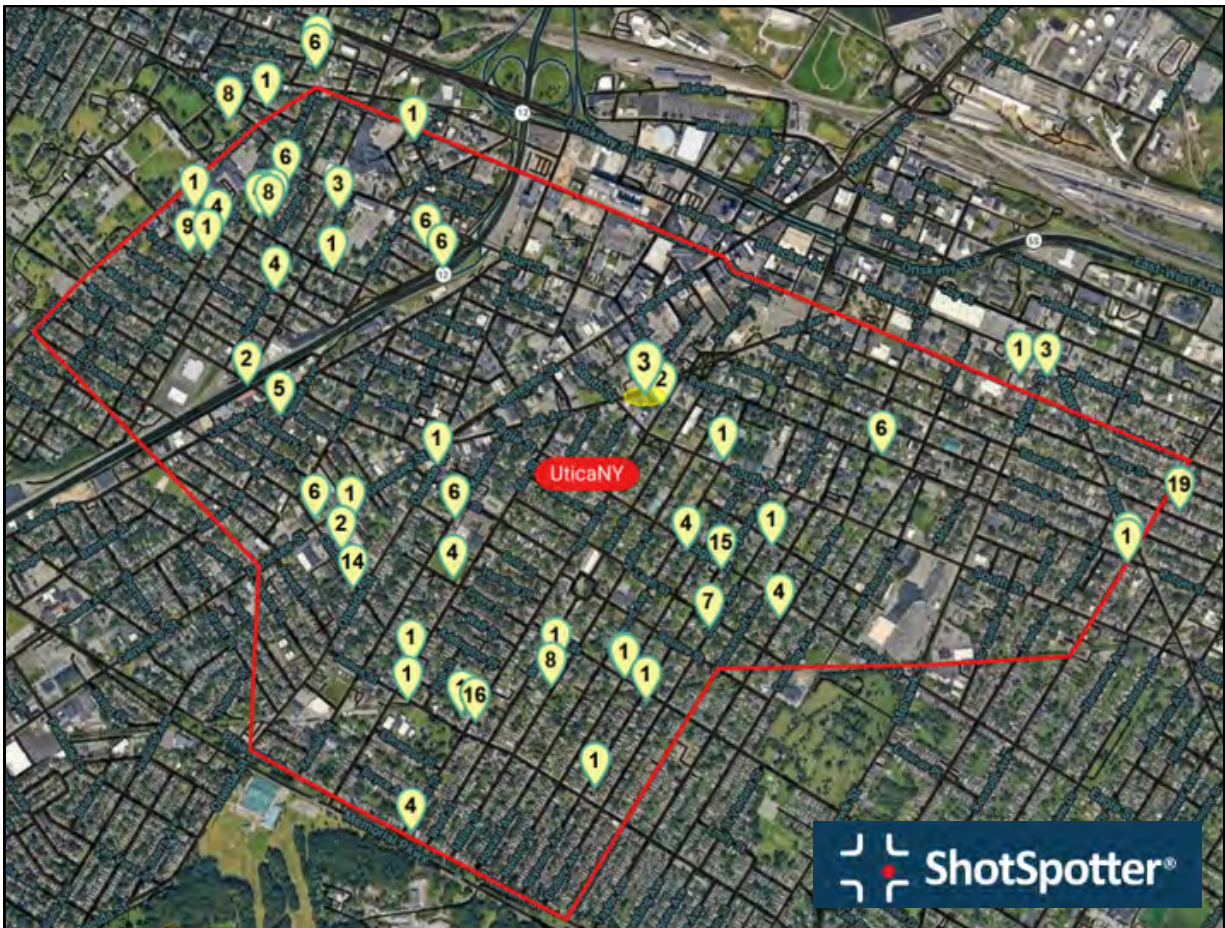
91 TOTAL ALERTS / 24 RECLASSIFIED AS NOT GUNFIRE

67

CONFIRMED ALERTS

13

ARRESTS



GIVE

The goal of the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative is the elimination of shootings and homicides, or aggravated assaults, through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that are incorporated into the four core elements of GIVE: People, Places, Alignment and Engagement.

GIVE is a DCJS-funded project that allots two (2) full time GIVE-funded officer positions at the Utica Police Department. The initiative is a joint venture involving the Utica Police Department, the Oneida County District Attorney's Office, Oneida County Probation and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Retired Utica Police Captain, Charles Kelly, is assigned to the MVCAC as the GIVE Anti-Violence Coordinator. This past year, 2025, had the lowest gun involved violence rates since 2013.



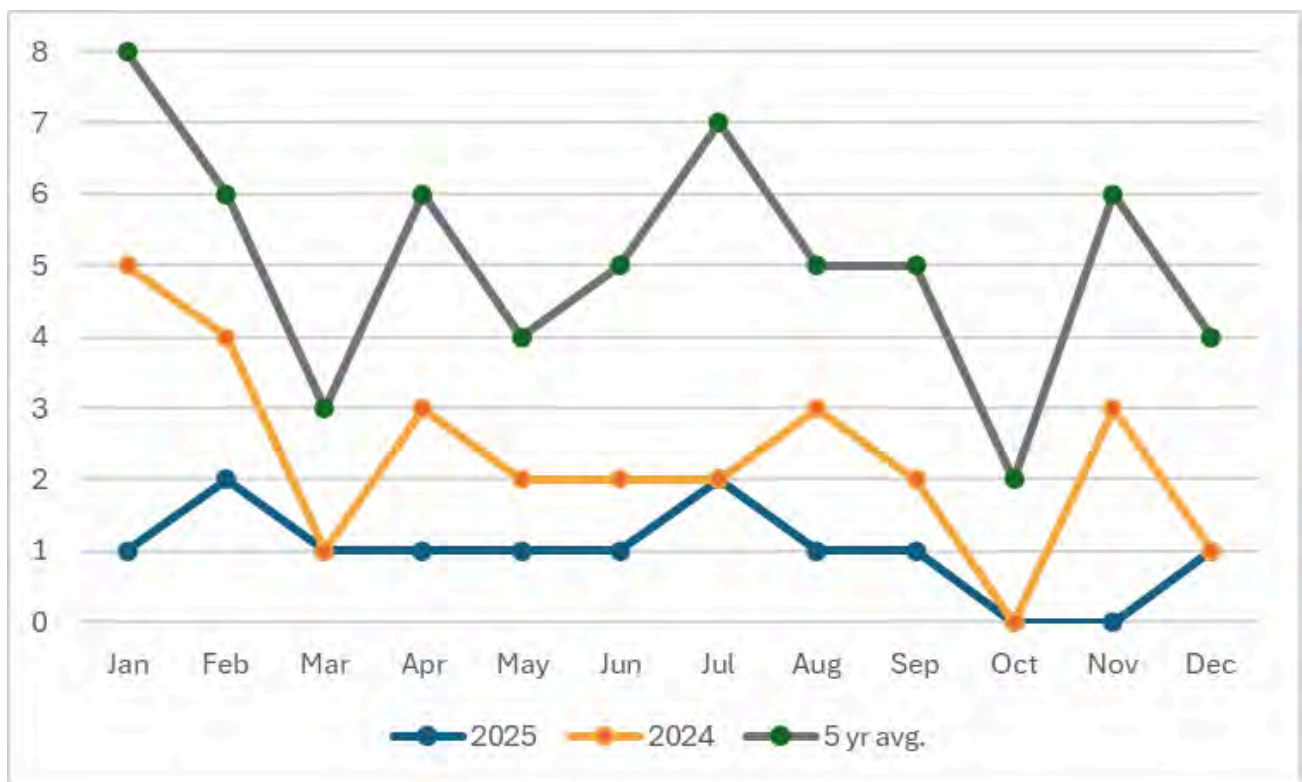
	5-Year Average YTD (2020-2024)	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	% Change	
				24 vs. 25	5-Yr. Avg vs. 2025
Shooting Incidents Involving Injury	29	13	10	-23%	-66%
Shooting Victims (Persons Hit)	33	16	12	-25%	-64%
Individuals Killed By Gun Violence	6	6	3	-50%	-50%

GIVE

SHOOTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURY

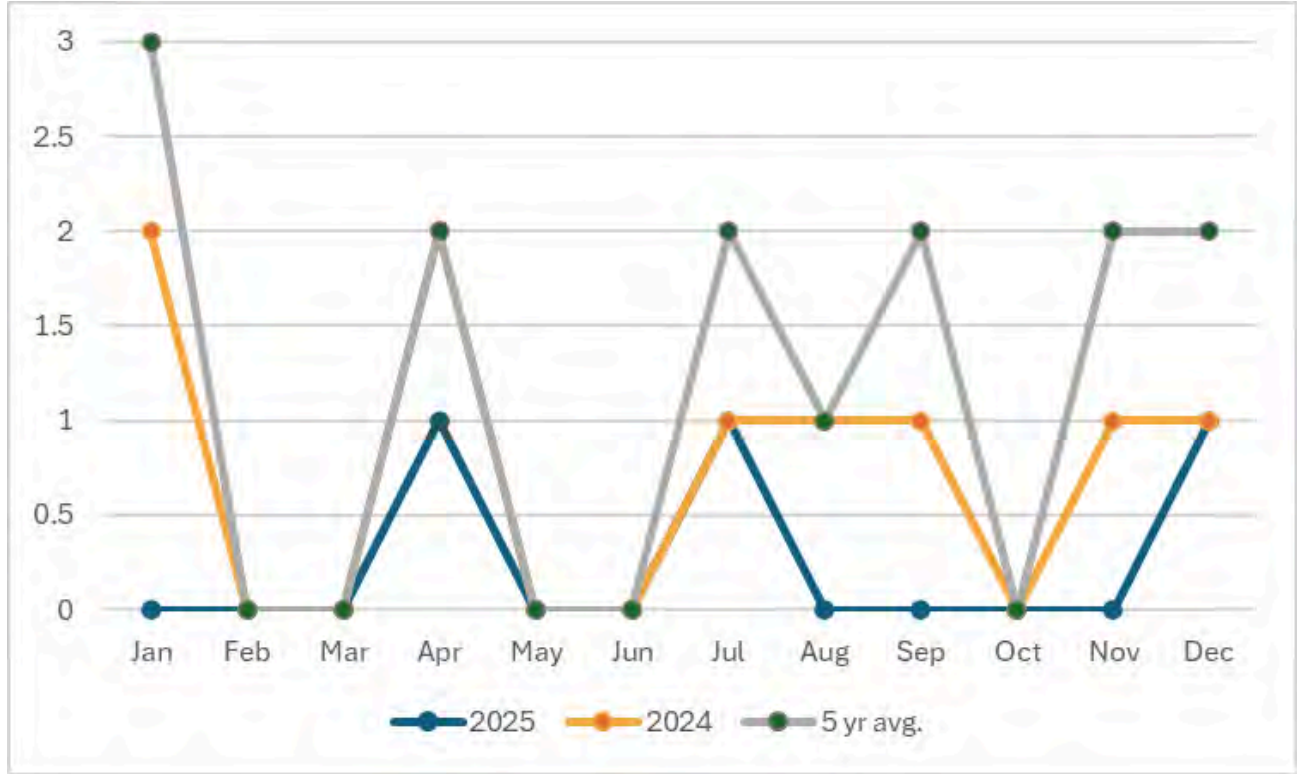


SHOOTING VICTIMS (PERSONS HIT)



GIVE

INDIVIDUALS KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE



CRIME SCENE UNIT

In 2025, the Crime Scene Unit responded to homicides, serious physical injury/fatal injury motor vehicle collisions, numerous non-fatal shootings, serious assaults and several unattended death investigations.

The Mobile Forensic Investigation Center conducts cellphone data extractions and assists members of local, state and federal law enforcement.

46

PHONES PROCESSED

JUVENILE AID UNIT

The Juvenile Aid Unit is comprised of three investigators who deal specifically with the problems of young people. Although they are members of a municipal police department, juvenile officers are set apart from other police personnel by their emphasis on youth. The primary objective of the Juvenile Aid Unit is to prevent juvenile delinquency and provide services that will have a positive impact on juvenile behavior.

The Juvenile Aid Unit has the added responsibility of assisting guardians with juveniles in need of supervision, even if their activity does not amount to criminal conduct. The Juvenile Aid Unit investigates, processes and refers juveniles who engage in criminal acts and offenses against the community. It maintains all juvenile records, independent from the standard records keeping function of the department’s Records Unit. The unit is also responsible for investigating all missing persons cases, both adult and juvenile.



SEX OFFENDER UNIT

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to use all reasonable means to assist in the investigation of non-compliant sex offenders, to educate the public about personal safety precautions and to train designated law enforcement personnel on registration, notification, verification and community education procedures.

This department recognizes that sex offenders can pose a significant risk to the community and that community fear may be fueled by confusing sex offender laws and lack of understanding of law enforcement efforts to hold sex offenders accountable. This department is guided by federal and state laws regarding the registration, public notification and verification of convicted sex offenders to enforce compliance and to prevent future victimization. This department also recognizes that law enforcement agencies are responsible for maintaining registration files, verifying compliance with registration laws, investigating violations of such laws and new offenses and locating non-compliant or absconded offenders. The Sex Offender Unit is staffed by a single investigator from the agency who is responsible for 342 active registered sex offenders residing in the City of Utica.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Special Investigations Section is made up of the Special Investigations Unit and the Warrants Unit. Special Investigations is responsible for such things as street-level drug interdiction, mid-level narcotics investigations and quality of life complaints.

The Special Investigations Unit investigates street - to mid-level narcotic activity and short-to mid-term investigations. They are responsible for the department's narcotics testing and provide supporting documentation for the local and county prosecution.

79

TOTAL ARRESTS

165

FELONIES

121

MISDEMEANORS

38

SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED

\$948,404

CURRENCY SEIZED

51

OVERDOSE INVESTIGATIONS

WARRANTS UNIT

The Warrants Unit is responsible for recording and enforcing all Utica City Court warrants and assisting any outside agency requesting information or resources.

The Warrants Unit is staffed by two investigators and a Warrants Specialist. The unit also works in collaboration with the United States Marshals Service.

2101

WARRANTS ENTERED

1025

WARRANTS CLOSED

1040

WARRANTS SERVED

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit is made up of one supervisor who works at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Their primary responsibility is to record, register and maintain staff control of all internal and external investigations involving police personnel. These investigations include, but are not limited to, the evaluation of use of force, civilian complaints and inquiries related to alleged police misconduct. The unit is also responsible for completing background investigations on both sworn and non-sworn employees. Conducting any necessary audits in relation to police property and evidence is also part of their responsibilities. The Professional Standards Unit also monitors an “early warning system” (EWS), a proactive accountability tool that uses police administrative data to identify police officers who are on a trajectory that may jeopardize public safety or their performance on the job. The system is designed to detect patterns and trends in police conduct before that conduct escalates. The EWS can assist law enforcement in identifying and remediating problematic officer conduct that poses a potential risk to the public, to the agency, and to the officer.

COMPLAINTS/ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED IN 2025

EXTERNAL

Findings	Count
Sustained	4
Not Sustained/unfounded	23
Total	27

INTERNAL

Findings	Count
Sustained	13
Not Sustained/unfounded	4
Total	17

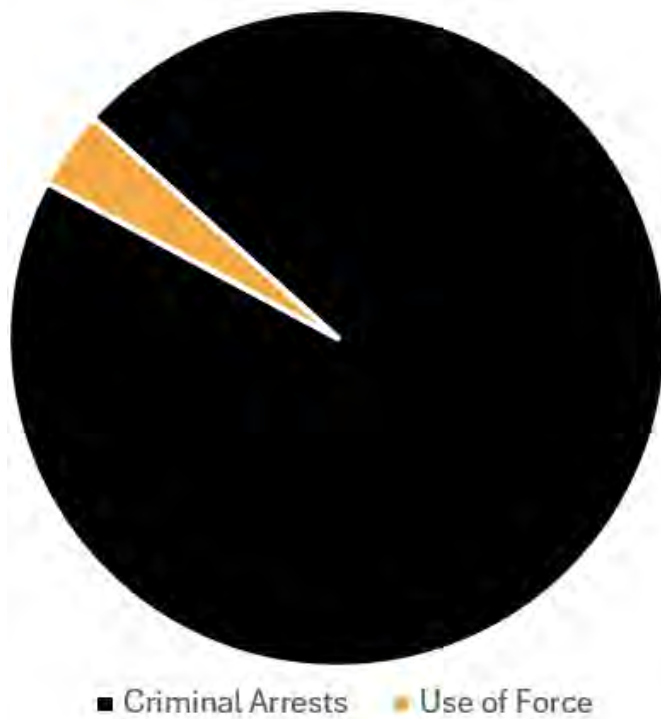
2025 USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

Force Used	Count
Firearm Discharge (animal dispatched)	1
Pointing of handgun	7
Taser Deployment	9
Pepper Spray	9
Taser Announcement	8
Aggressive Response	1
Punched	10
Take Down	70
Empty Hand Control	40
Total	155

Sex:
 Male: 132
 Female: 47
 No data entered: 2

Race:
 Asian: 1
 Black: 110
 Unknown: 2
 White: 54
 White Hispanic: 12
 No data entered: 1

Age:
 Under 20: 29
 20-29: 49
 30-39: 55
 40-49: 18
 50+: 17
 Unknown: 12



3,881
 CRIMINAL ARRESTS

The ratio of use of force by Utica Police Officers to all arrests in 2025 was 3.9%

2026 STRATEGIC PLANS

- **Strategic Goal 1:** Mitigate Impacts of Crime and Enhance Community Safety.

To ensure community safety, the Department will further develop crime mitigation strategies in coordination with the Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center, enhance our critical incident and preparedness response with training on multiple tactics, and enhance traffic safety initiatives. The department will continue working with City staff to address homelessness-related concerns and strengthen our cooperative relationship with the school district to enhance the safety of students and staff.

- **Strategic Goal 2:** Enhance Recruitment and Retention.

In our highly competitive job market, we want to work with our Mayor, civil service office, and John E. Creedon PBA to recruit and retain quality staff. We will look to accomplish this through contractual discussions that will include:

1. Increasing starting salaries for new hires through contract discussions,
2. Offering contractual incentives to stay for our current staff who can or are eligible to retire.
3. Work with our common council elected officials by lifting the residency requirement for new hires.
4. Contractually honoring time and grade for lateral transfer candidates so that they would not have to take a salary reduction to work at the Utica Police Department.
5. Establishing a dedicated budget for recruitment.

- **Strategic Goal 3:** Provide Staff Support: Wellness, Training, Mentoring, and Succession Planning

All our goals start with our employees, so investing in wellness and professionalism is a top priority, with a strong emphasis on leadership training.

- **Strategic Goal 4:** Seek Additional Community Engagement and Communication Opportunities

Community engagement is the lifeblood of our agency. As such, we will continue to enhance transparency initiatives, expand the use of digital and social media platforms, and improve community partnerships to include local businesses. These opportunities will better prepare our Department to serve our community transparently.

- **Strategic Goal 5:** Work to Enhance Operational Excellence, Efficiency, and Accountability

Being recently re-accredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Accreditation Council continues to be a clear pathway to achieving our service objectives. We will continue to conduct various studies and reviews of policies and departmental strategies, seek to upgrade and modernize equipment and areas within the police department, and continue identifying fleet needs and opportunities to more fully support our community.

2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

ADDITIONS

BALLISTIC TANK

In 2025, UPD obtained a new Ballistic Tank, 3D scanner & barrier system. The Ballistic Tank allows for both an easy recovery of the projectile and comparison of projectiles when they are sent to the lab in Albany. The casing catcher allows for the spent casing to be collected without the possibility of it being damaged or lost when hitting the ground.



FARO FOCUS SCANNER

The Faro Focus Scanner is an improvement from the Leica Scanner. This scanner allows for quicker scans and better resolution. It allows the user to capture scenes and place them into a computer program, Faro Scene. When the scanned data is captured and brought into Faro Scene, it can allow a walkthrough of the scene. This scanner is especially helpful with providing detailed measurements, which assists with collision reconstruction as well.



2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

BARRIER SYSTEM

The Barrier System is a 30 by 6 foot barrier that allows law enforcement to shield sensitive crime scenes from the public view. The barriers were purchased through a company called “Barrier by Design”. It was already utilized during a sensitive scene at Kennedy Plaza where the deceased was clearly visible to members of the public prior to utilizing the barriers.



LICENSE PLATE READERS

The Utica Police Department purchased and installed thirteen (13) additional mobile plate readers.

EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K-9 TRAINING KIT

NexGen Explosive Detection K-9 Training Kit from Tripwire Explosives is an important tool that will enhance the preparedness of our K-9s during safety sweeps at major public events like concerts, sporting events, and community gatherings.



2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

EVENTS

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

The No Shave November fundraiser raised money that was donated to a local charitable cause.

FOOD DRIVE

This year, members of the Utica Police Department, civilian staff and their families were able to raise enough money to donate over 800 lbs. of food to the Veteran's Outreach Center.



SHOP WITH A COP

The Utica Police Department, partnered with several local businesses, was able to provide families with gift cards to shop for Christmas gifts. This was a special opportunity for our local youth and their families to experience the holiday spirit in a unique way alongside our dedicated police officers.



2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

COFFEE WITH A COP

Throughout 2025, multiple Coffee with a Cop events were held at various local coffee shops. Citizens were invited to join members of law enforcement over a cup of coffee, to chat and build relationships.



HARVEST ON THE HILL

The Utica Police Department, in collaboration with the Oneida County Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) program and several other community partners, participated in “Harvest on the Hill 2025.” This marked the event’s 10th year of celebrating community spirit, youth engagement, and neighborhood pride all while giving our youth a safe place to enjoy. Officers and civilian staff donated numerous bags of candy for the event.



2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Our police officers were visited by a church group from Utica Karen Baptist Church. The group came to perform Christmas carols for our police officers, sharing their time, talents and uplifting spirits with us. Moments like these strengthen the bond between our community and law enforcement.



TRUST BUILDING

The Utica Police Trust Building Initiative fosters police and community relations through open and candid conversations about the state of policing in minority communities. These conversations allow for both sides to be frank about their feelings and thought processes involving the interactions amongst these groups. The goal is to build lasting relationships with mutual trust, that the police function as a member of the community and have the community's interest at heart. Lt. Starr Wooden joins youth groups for open and honest discussions about working together for a safer, more united Utica. The Lieutenant continues to canvass sworn members of the department to participate in efforts to get new officers involved. In 2025, Utica Police Lieutenant Starr Wooden, was one of six recipients of the 2025 Rotary Club of Utica Pride of Workmanship Awards. Nominated by the Chief of Police and recognized for her work as a moderator for the Utica Police Department's Trust Building Program, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to community policing. Under her guidance, the Trust Building Program—recognized by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services as a model for other police agencies—has become a cornerstone of our department's community engagement efforts.

2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

REBUILDING THE VILLAGE

A grass roots community organization that provides a myriad of community services, i.e counseling, life skills, and job skills to Utica's inner city youth, all with the overall goal of reducing gun violence. This endeavor is spearheaded by our Save our Streets (SOS) Coordinator, Roosevelt Patterson and his Street Team. Events are hosted that further their goals, building positive relationships with law enforcement and adult mentors.

The Utica Police Department is heavily invested in the SOS Outreach program, as well as its off-shoot, Rebuilding the Village. Their directors have a direct line of communication with GIVE members. The open and honest free flow of dialogue is necessary to understand their needs and the needs of the population they serve.

Officers assisted in a Rebuilding the Village event in December. They helped with the distribution of hot chocolate and candy canes. A patrol vehicle followed behind the horse and carriage. By showcasing the connection between passion, hard work, and success, it helps youth see that they can turn their own big dreams into reality, no matter where they come from.



2025 ADDITIONS/EVENTS

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

- NY National Guard Food Donation Ruck March
- Torch Run
- Trunk or Treat
- Bank of Utica NYE
- Boilermaker
- Memorial Day Parade
- 4th of July
- Tunnel to Towers Race
- Falling Leaves Road Race
- Hoops & Dreams
- St Patrick's Day Parade
- Torch Run









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